

DEAD CLYDESIDE

In recent years, the theme 'Deprivation in Glasgow' has been the subject of countless vote-catching speeches, numerous newspaper articles and a small mountain of statistics.

But tell the ordinary Glaswegian that he/she is deprived at every level of social and economic life and you'll get a blank unimpressed look. When you've lived with deprivation long enough, it ceases to register, it simply becomes a way of life, the norm.

'Deprivation' runs through every level of working class life in Glasgow, but nowhere is it more glaringly obvious than in housing. Even a Hillington councillor recently described Glasgow's Housing Department as a Gargantuan - a monster out of control. It's planners, he said, were giving us monumental tombstones instead of communities. Even so, this is the same system which, deliberately and discriminately, is channeling working class people into Easterhouse and Blackhill while decanting the middle class into Newton Mearns and Bearsden.

It's no great surprise that the Local Authority's 'get tough' policy on eviction is adding daily to the amount of the city's squatters - an ever increasing army of nomads bustling through the dark streets constantly moving or being moved from one uninhabitable hole in the wall to the next. The effect on parents and children alike is such that the courts and newspaper columns will always be filled.

Parents, with a natural desire to escape the misery by any means possible, usually find the only possible means in alcohol. Since the family rarely stay in one place very long,



the children's education suffers and other children in the area won't or are warned not to play with them. Their only escape is through the fantasy world which toys provide, but because 'toys are not 'provided', they have been stolen, resulting sooner or later in a court appearance, which itself may result in a fine or the child being taken into care. All of which contributes to the break-up of a family.

Clydeside produces more children 'Born to Fail' than any other area in Britain. Not all of them are products of families forced to squat but they are all products of a deprived and socially divided society.

But perhaps we're losing the point here. Till now, all we've done is write another of those newspaper articles we spoke of in the intro-

duction. The proper perspective can easily be seen in the words of someone who has been forced to squat...

"I was living with friends in Easterhouse. Altogether, there were eleven of us. I tried applying for a house of my own, but was always told there wasn't any, or, they'd say I wasn't on the list long enough. Anyway, eventually the family I was living with were evicted. I tried again to get a house. I explained I was homeless. But they wouldn't entertain me. So I had to squat. I've been here in this squat for about a year. About six weeks ago, a woman came to the door, said she was from the Corporation Housing Department and gave me 48 hours to get out. She didn't give any reason. She just insisted I get out. Next day, I went back up to the Housing Department to get a house, but they said I had 'no

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'chance'. That was about all they said really. I couldn't leave the place I'm in now. So I stayed on. Then about two weeks later, the woman came up again. She said I had to leave within 24 hours. I told her that I'd nowhere else to go. She said I was to go to the Housing Department and they would fix me up, but in the meantime I was to pack up and leave. I went to the Housing Department again next day. I told them what the woman said, but they just kept saying I'd no chance of a house. So I went upstairs and eventually got hold of the woman who came out to see me. She agreed to come down, but said there was absolutely nothing she could do. We went back downstairs and two men came out to see me. They said I wouldn't get a house so I told them I wasn't leaving my squat. Then the men said I must have had a Corporation house before. They wouldn't believe I wasn't married. One man kept saying that I must have been married if I had children. I told him you don't have to be married to have children. It was embarrassing. He just didn't seem to understand it.

Eventually they said I'd have to produce the kids' birth certificates. I got them but they said they wanted the bigger, more expensive copy, which I couldn't afford. It would mean doing without a meal for myself and the weans. I told them I couldn't afford it, but they wouldn't listen. A few days later, the woman came up again and told me to leave. This building's coming down. I don't know what I'll do then."

Many people know that this isn't melodrama or a script for the 'Play of the Week'. They might just say "Tough, just your luck. That's life". Well, it is tough, and it can be a question of luck (if your face fits) but by no stretch of the imagination can it be called life. It's more the existence of a hunted, hounded animal, and the people who smugly retort 'That's life' are already comfortably cooped up in concrete cages. And it's time these people realise there's no escape as long as we meekly accept our keeper's scraps. It seems that we've lost the ability to think and act for ourselves, but when any of us do try to get out of our cages, when we refuse to accept what's forced upon us, we're humiliated and degraded, not only by our 'leaders' but by our so-called 'friends and neighbours' who simply mouth the leaders' insults and support the actions taken against the 'offenders'.

How can we talk about 'communities' when, every day, we retreat further behind our front doors and more in front of the telly, faithfully accepting everything we're told by our 'superiors', whether they be M.P.s, councillors, bosses, clergymen, newscasters, social workers, editors or faceless civil servants.

We can't talk about 'our community' if we can't waken up to the fact that we have absolutely no say in the running of our own community, or that all the issues over which we have no control but which affect us directly, such as unemployment, bad housing, pathetic amenities and facilities lead to repressive measures like evictions, warrant sales and gas and electricity disconnections. We should realise now that these are actions designed to silence a 'community', to divide it and soften it up for the introduction of more measures which effectively rob a community's right to control its own destiny.

How then, can we gain more control of our lives?

We know that, in the past, the Rent Strike has always been our most powerful weapon in the fight against bureaucratic control of our lives from 'above'.

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against the advances of officialdom, but also give each of us a greater and better control of our own lives.

To be effective and also to prevent power-mad individuals or political groups from dictating to the mass of people, control should be exerted from 'below'. That is, Street Committees being formed which owe allegiance to no one but the people from the Street. On a wider scale, these can form Block/Area/District Committees. Voluntary Community Levies could also be set up to finance schemes or projects designed to help out unemployed people, unmarried mothers, single parents, OAP's etc. Community workers, not just middle-class do-gooders with social consciences, but workers committed to a community, living in the community doing repairs, running vans for removals or bringing in furniture, forming food co-operatives and generally working for the common good. Just as important, these ideas could be introduced into the factories and workplaces so that links could be made with Worker's Councils.

Obviously, these suggestions and proposals can't just be realised overnight, but the longer we delay, the more likely we face a situation where the control of our lives and our children's lives will have slipped completely out of our grasp. Direct action must be taken now.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Although the idea of this paper has been kicking about since the middle of last year, we feel we must apologize for the 'amateurish' state of the layout. There's two good reasons for this though.

After quite a few problems with printers (getting right page sizes etc.) we managed to get a suitable printer, but the whole thing has become a bit of a rush job. Despite this, some of the articles are dated.

The other reason is that we are amateurs. We've never done this sort of thing before, but what we're trying to prove is that it is possible for anyone to produce a paper. Who needs the Daily Record anyway? Our thanks go to Gorbals View, Alternative News Service and Aberdeen People's Press.

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SECRETS

SCARE

The security services have been asked to investigate the strength of communist influence in Glasgow.

The request came from the Chief of Staff who have warned the Government that, the dispersal of sections of the Ministry of Defence's central headquarters from London to Glasgow in the early 1980's might jeopardise national security, because of the political uncertainty created in Scotland by the Devolution programme.

The dispersal will mean that four thousand civil servants will have to be recruited, mainly from the Glasgow area, and the faceless men of Whitehall are having nightmares at the thought of recruiting from among the grandchildren of the "Red Clydesiders".

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SCARY SECRETS?

In crediting the photograph of Margaret McKearney, the most wanted woman in Britain, to a Scotland Yard C-11 spy, the Yard's press office really blew it.

24 hours later, after an ITN news crew had tracked down Margaret McKearney in a Dublin suburb, diplomatic channels were buzzing. A series of telephone calls between Irish Government Officials, British Embassy in Dublin, Whitehall and Scotland Yard ended with the Yard issuing a statement claiming the Press Association's story was "a complete fabrication". The photograph of the 21 year old republican was not taken by a C-11 source, "it was discovered during a search of a Manchester house".

Mr. David Chipp, Editor-in-Chief of the Press Association, one of the largest and most respected news agencies in Britain said, "Our reporter obtained the information from a senior Scotland Yard press official who agreed that it should be attributed to a yard spokesman. He has a note of the quotation and we stand by his account of what he was told".

Was Scotland Yard pressured by some

higher authority into making complete fools of themselves in an attempt to save H.M. Government's diplomatic face?

Do candid British police spies operate in a friendly nation's capital, especially when that friendly nation is already doing its best to lock up some of their own citizens on behalf of H.M.'s Government?

There is no point in asking the yard, their press office is not permitted to answer questions on C-11.

Tory M.P., Richard Body was put under police surveillance because he was on "a committee which apparently contained a former member of the communist party". A position many senior officials at the Ministry of Defence might have found themselves in when Denis Healey was boss.

So be warned, it's possible you may at sometime come into contact with a 'target' and you could end up on a C-11 file, as a criminal/terrorist, a suspected criminal/terrorist or at best a potential criminal/terrorist.

Alice (I'm not paranoid)
Couper ./ 'ANS.'

HOLY WULLIE'S PRAYER

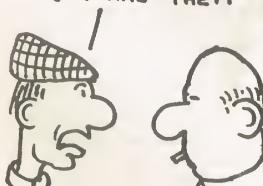
THOU SHALT NOT DRINK
ON SUNDAY.
CAUSE IF YOU DO
I KNOW THAT YOU
WON'T MAKE IT TO
WORK ON MONDAY

PRODUCTIVITY

- YOU KNOW
IT KEEPS
YOU SOBER



HERE, I THOUGHT
THE SECRETARY OF
STATE WAS SUPPOSED
TO MEND RIETS —
NO' MAKE THEM



POLICE STATE

The Home Office it seems, have drawn up contingency plans for the issuing of identity cards to all residents in the U.K.

Rapid Data Systems International Ltd. of 5 Telford Way, London W3 (743 500/1591), have denied a report published in Release's Newsletter, that claims the data company "are currently hustling for the order".

However questioned by ANS, Rapid's sales director, Mr. Harvey stated, "we constantly have talks with the Home Office on this matter, both in relation to here and Northern Ireland" but "no tender has yet been offered or asked for".

Scotland Yard has ordered a £2 million Ampex video recording system to hold images of up to 3,500,000 sets of finger prints. The video files will be held at the Yard and visual access will be via the police computer at Hendon (ANS/FNS)

BURP!

Welsh Support Basques

Earlier this month the 50th annual conference of Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Nationalist Party, passed resolutions supporting the Basques of Spain and the Bretons of France. One urged the United Nations to intervene to halt "oppression by death and torture of the Basque by the fascist Franco regime". The other resolution condemned the French government for jailing Dr. Yann Fouere of the Breton Nationalist Party. He was arrested while on his way to the Plaid Cymru Conference.

The Rubber Bullet Toll

Four doctors at Belfast's Royal Hospital have analysed deaths and injuries caused by the 33,000 rubber bullets fired in Ulster by the British Army.

Their report, in 'British Journal of Surgery' reports four deaths and 40 serious injuries — an average of one major casualty for 800 rounds. In all ninety cases of injury from the bullets were treated in the two Belfast hospitals covered by the study.

The doctors' figures show that only those with serious injuries attend hospital, which means the injuries are certainly many times greater than they have been able to ascertain.

Damage to the eyes and surrounding bones was a common injury. Bruising, tearing or rupture of the eyeball caused permanent blindness in some cases, and four of the injured eyes had to be removed.

Seven patients observed with head injuries lost consciousness and three of these had brain damage associated with skull fractures. One died, and a second death occurred — that of a young man taken to hospital in the Republic.

Nevertheless, the surgeons conclude that the rubber bullet is much less lethal in ratio to volume of bullet as used than other army weapons. They point out that the missile is notoriously inaccurate at its recommended range of 30 yards.

Serious injuries result at a range of less than 25 yards, the most effective range being 10-15 yards. Many of the most damaging injuries were the result of point blank firing. The projectiles are six inches long and 1½ inches thick and travel at up to 200 feet per second. The victim is liable to people standing beside or even inside their houses during street battles ifids of Catholic ghettoes.

Following the publication of this report a 12 year old Belfast boy has been killed by a rubber bullet.

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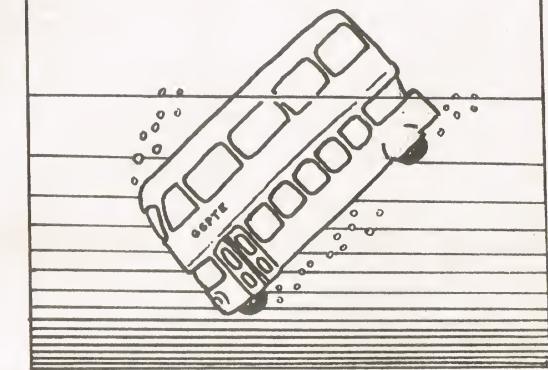
FARE WARNING

GOING SOON!

BUSES

This Was The Last....

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Fair Warning

Let Pupils Choose

The Scottish Council of the Labour Party in a report submitted to the Park Committee on truancy and discipline says pupils should have greater freedom in choosing their own teachers.

"Adults have likes and dislikes" the Council says and "there is nothing inherently threatening in some pupils needing and being allowed greater choice in subject or teacher."

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RAP

Radical Alternatives to Prison are starting a women and crime group to work on issues such as rape and prostitution. People interested in helping should contact RAP, Eastbourne House, Bullards Place, London, E.2.

A.N.S. tell us that the Captain General of Madrid, General Campano, who signed the death-warrants of three of the executed anti-fascists, has been promoted.

A fascist hardliner, General Campano now commands the 65,000 strong paramilitary Guardia Civil. As all of the veterans of previous Spanish holidays can testify, the G.C. is the Spanish equivalent of your friendly neighbourhood policeman, complete with sten gun and cheap wine.

Psychosurgery – the final solution....

The Royal College of Psychiatrists are offering their services to the highest bidder – psychosurgery, the means of total control. The psychiatric "cure all" is receiving a new push in the country – in the form of an attempt at the legalised, cold-blooded mutilation of 200 mental patients in the interest of creating a controlled UK. The Royal College has asked for a grant of £50,000, from the Department of Health and Social Security for beginning a proposed "trial" experimentation on 200 human beings. The DHSS say no, but now it is before the Medical Research Council.

Psychosurgery, billed as the cure for anxiety and stress, doubles as a political control technique which renders the lobotomised individual easily controlled by authorities, has been in trouble in the US, where similar attempts to push a resurgence of psychosurgery met with opposition. Among the recommendations of the psychiatric faddish cult was specifically the use of psychosurgery for "solving" the problem of political radicals, legally and eternally.

Picture this – The Scene – the police authorities discussing the problem with their psychiatric advisers. Imagine if you will, a black agitator who has a "bad" record of "inciting public unrest". The police, naturally concerned about such undesirable elements, are presented with the sole solution. "Of course", their learned psychiatric advisor attests, "such anti-social behaviour is obviously psychotic. The ego and the id are locked in a furious battle with the alter ego and the libido, and the only solution is to cut off a portion of the man's offending organ." "Well", says the psychiatrist, "you bring him in as a danger to himself, then once we've got him in here, we'll get him committed to one of our prisons – I mean mental HOSPITALS, and once we sign the papers, we've got another one off the streets". "Yes", continues the psychiatrist uncharacteristically smiling at his fingers "we have the solution to the whole human dilemma here. If you can bring in ten or twenty more, that would be better. We need the practice you see – and the money."

This is one of the many conditions for which psychosurgery has been used around the world. Other uses include the curing of over-activity in children

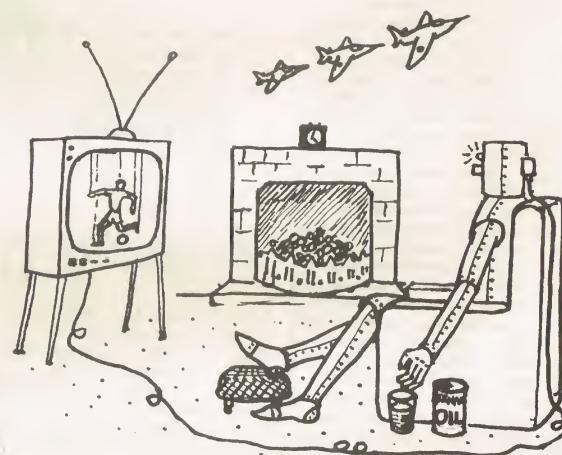
(children of less than six years of age have had their brains mutilated in the name of medicine). As a Congressional Record of the United States put it, "It can be very difficult to control a child surgically. But you can usually mutilate him repeatedly until he stops bothering anyone". (Vol 118 No.26).

Political dissenters and activists, prisoners, and the "normal" in Society are being sought for treatment. It is suggested for depression, worry, anxiety, unhappiness – even headaches. It has finally been conclusively established by the psychiatric authorities that by destroying brain tissue, whether

the level of sexual drive". They fail to mention that their other drives were gone as well. The writer brings up the alternative of castration for homosexuals, but argues that this would be "open to question on ethical grounds" while lobotomy is not. The author would obviously rather lose his brains than his balls!

"Tripping by Button"

The psychiatrists do not attempt to justify their actions because of course they know best. The US Congressional Record shows how the guru of psychosurgery in the US has progressed. Dr. Delgado of Yale University in New



by incision, planting of radium seeds, coagulation (electrical burning) or a number of other methods, they are able to diminish the unwanted drives (as well as all the other drives) of their "patients", every time. The destruction is hidden away in a fancy array of big words; lobotomy, amygdalectomy, angiectomy, etc. They all mean simply – we destroy part of your brain to quiet you.

In an editorial comment in the 1969 British Medical Journal "Lancet", the mutilation of the brains of three homosexuals was praised because it caused: "A distinct and sustained reduction in

David Johnson.

Haven, Massachusetts, has conducted experiments and considers the time very near when all citizens can have electronic devices implanted into their brains, so that computers can, by remote control, monitor their thoughts and actions. Think a 'bad' thought, and the computer sends an electric shock to the pain centres of the brain... the agony of which will sooner or later prevent the bearer of such a control device from doing things which are not considered "nice".

Ask not for whom the bell tolls – rather ask who's ringing it.

'THE PRESS – TUC wakes up

In submitting evidence to the Royal Commission on the Press the TUC said, "There's too little real choice on British news stands. Much of the Press is in the hands of a few powerful men, and the economics of the industry make it virtually impossible to start newspapers."

The TUC claim that newspapers are not accountable to the people who read them or the people who work for them. This they say is "an unacceptable situation that has to be changed".

On Freedom of the Press, TUC's evidence shows that of the nine national daily papers with circulation over 100,000 only one can be described as "left of the centre".

Big circulations = big advertising revenue = big profits, so it's easier for powerful papers to employ more staff and provide better news coverage. No wonder the Press has been failing into fewer and fewer hands.

What all this means, claims the trades unionists, "Is that commercial forces are now a threat to genuine Press freedom".

The TUC have reached this conclusion after "years of bitter experience of the kind of reporting trade unions get". "Just look" they say, "at what happens when a person runs into conflict with his union. If he's more militant than his colleagues he's an 'agitator' who should be 'disciplined'. But if he's against his fellow workers decision to strike, he's being hounded by them.

"Again and again, both industrial reporting and the general picture of Britain given to readers reflect the fact that the interests of newspaper owners are one thing and those of working people are another."

dog food

H.M. Prisons spent "about £50,000" on dog food in the last financial year according to Dr. Shirley Summer skill, Under Secretary at the Home Office. In the same period £4.2 million has been spent on food for prisoners.

RED SCARE

Arthur Richard, a farmer of New Hampshire, USA was furious when the local branch of the American Legion asked him to stop using the stars and stripes to scare birds off his land. The legion offered to supply banners from communist countries instead. "I'm no communist" said Arthur "and I don't want any commie flags, they can fly them in their own gardens".

GIRL TALK

Reading Rooms are almost putting U.S. strip clubs out of business. Erotic Reading Rooms, that is. Queues of men are paying about £5 to be read a dirty story by a half naked girl. A higher entrance fee ensures that the girl will be completely naked.

poor hit hardest

Britain's poor have been the hardest hit by unemployment, states a report from the Child Action Poverty Group – "Unemployment: The Facts".

In 1969 unemployment reached 2.89%, for the unskilled that meant 6.9% unemployment. However, taking into account the number of unskilled males who did not register at the Department of Employment the unemployment rate of labourers was found to be more than 15%. This analysis applied to today's figures would give an unemployment rate of about 20%, or 1 in 5, for labourers and low paid workers.

The most recent deterioration in the unemployment prospects has been for young workers. In 1966 they made up 21% of the work force and 19% of the unemployed. By 1972 they formed 20% of the labour force but 27% of the workless.

In studying the help available to the unemployed, the Poverty Action Group finds "disadvantaged groups such as black workers and the disabled are additionally penalised because they are more likely to remain out of work for longer or more frequent periods and therefore become ineligible for full benefit". As many as one in every five unemployed claim no benefit whatever.

WHY IS AN MP
LIKE BIG BEN?



BECAUSE HE HAS
MORE THAN ONE
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HOLLOW RING TO
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WHAT SORT OF
QUESTION IS THAT?



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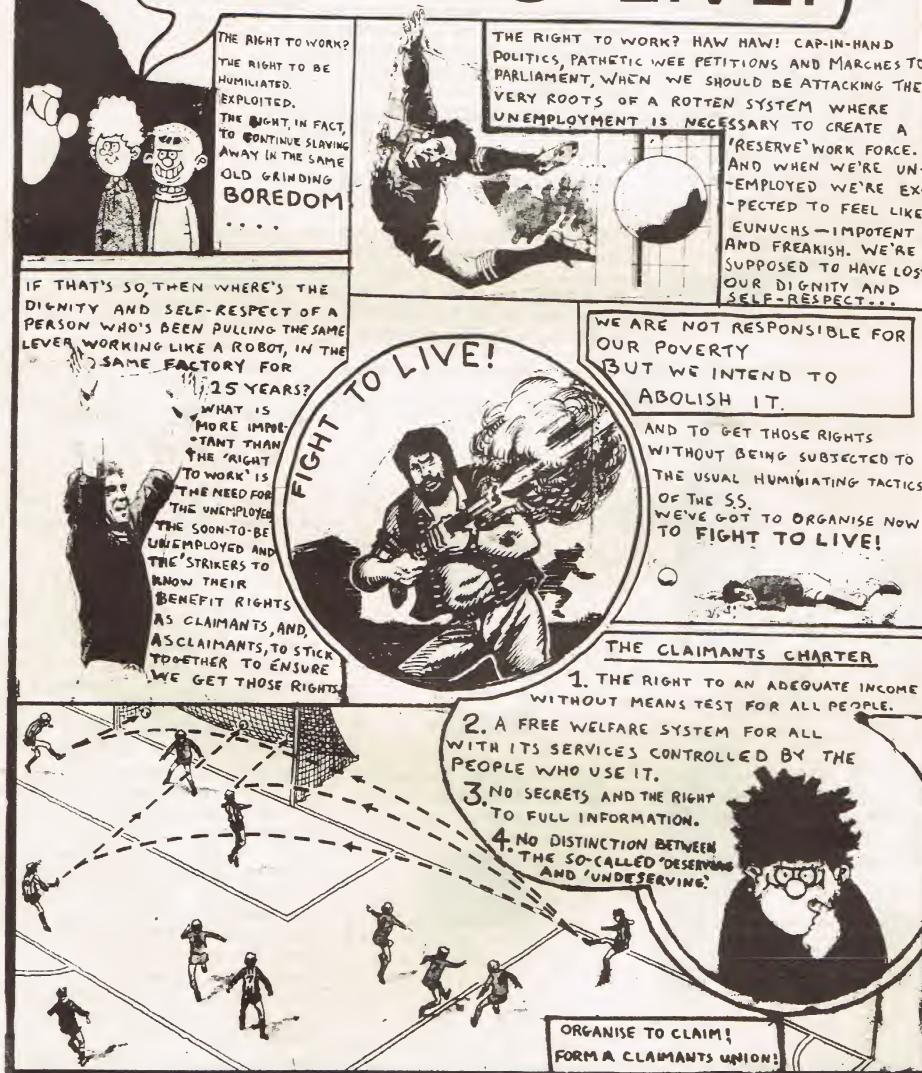


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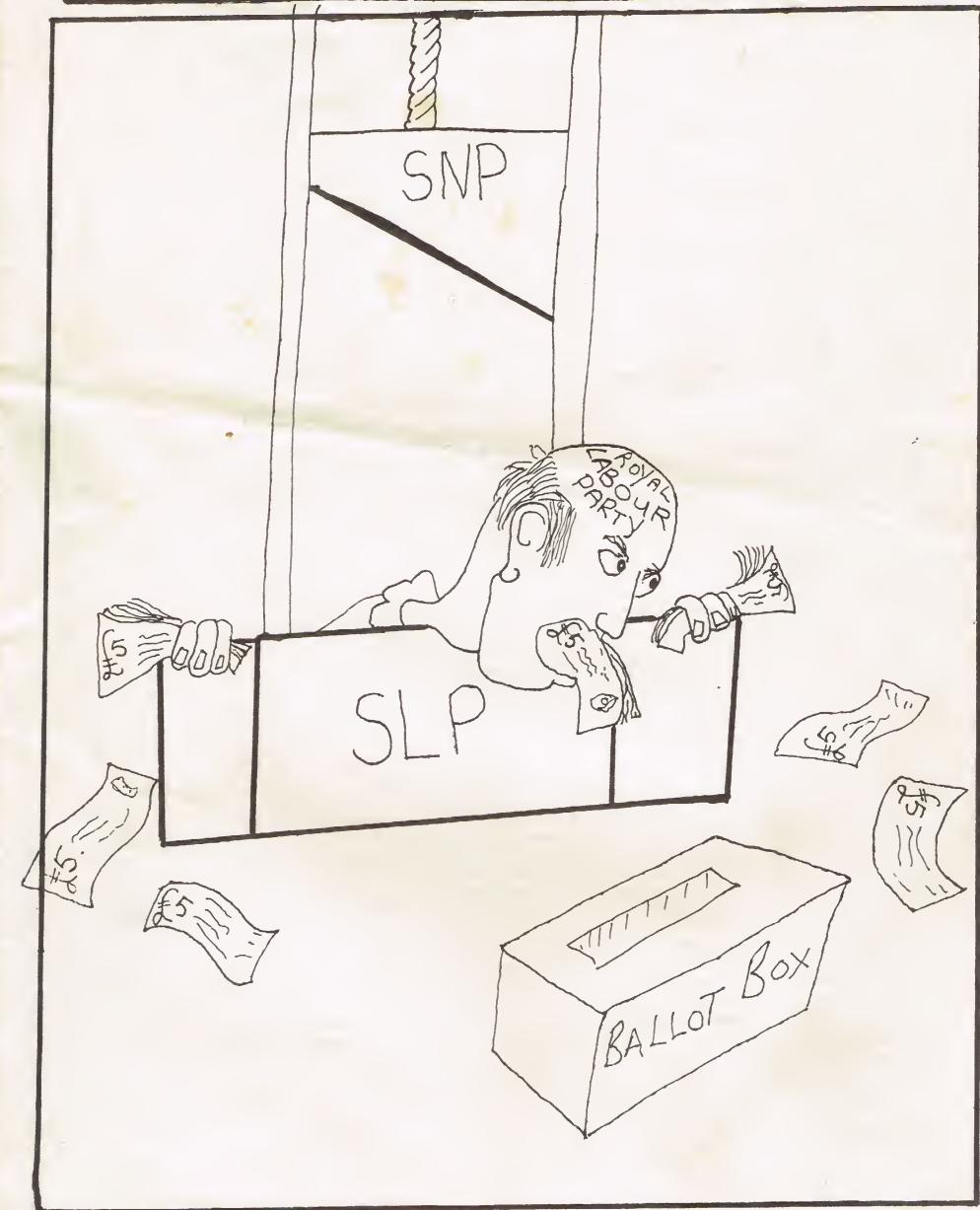
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EDITORIAL

We present the second edition of Clydesider. The first edition was successful in that we sold out completely. However, the feedback was poor. We therefore make a plea for more articles, letters and news items.

This edition as you will see contains three personal stories/opinions we feel that this is a better idea for a community magazine rather than the social comment type of feature. If you have any personal experience that you feel should be committed to paper and shared with others, we ask that you send it to us.

THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES? by a 15 year old.

The state of the educational system in this country is hellish. Almost everywhere pupils are kept down, like the Marxist masses. Trouble is rife in many schools, but the headmaster will not take the necessary action to stem the trouble. Probably the thing which is to blame for the majority of trouble is a system which is so dear to the hearts of many of our reactionary headmasters — the prefect system.

As many of you will no doubt remember from your own school days, the prefect system is the vehicle used by many of the creeps and toadies who inhabit our schools to further their own ends and thereby earn themselves a nice reference which they can show to their would-be employer when they enter the big capitalist world outside. To earn this "award" the prefects have to perform various tasks such as: taking in the patrolling the corridors and spotting the bad boys and girls who, horror of horrors, actually dare to talk in the lines. Some of the ways which the prefects devise plans for waging their private vendettas would earn the praise of even the most hardened Godfather.

However, even an admitted prefect-hater like myself cannot prevent the tears from flowing when yet another young prefect successfully completes his "Arslikhan" course and is raised to Head Creep, sorry I meant Head Prefect. (I didn't really).

It is my belief however that the prefect system has a much more fundamental and sinister purpose than merely giving teachers the chance to relax while some silly swine does their work for them.

That purpose, I believe, as corny as it might seem, is to divide the pupils into different and warring factions. The prefects are picked from the more intelligent members of the school, the kids in the lower classes are not asked to become prefects. WHY? Because they would be the kids with the brains to wreck the system and show it up for what it is. A dirty, festering, putrid, rotting scab.



I'm happy to report that in my school at least, there are signs that the prefect system is dying and hopefully it will be dead within a few years, although even this is still too long.

This is just one cause of trouble within schools. There are many more, but they all seem to emanate from the same root cause — the growing awareness of pupils, their demands for a greater say in the running of their schools and the reluctance of teachers to give in to this quite reasonable demand. In an effort of pacification there was, in the autumn of last year, the establishment of School Councils, which meet at least FOUR times a year, and are nothing more than glorified talking shops. After a few threats from "Charlie Endell" an assistant headmaster at my school about what would happen if a "commie bastard" like me was elected on to the school council, I became the pupil representative for St. Augustines, but we have yet to win a major victory against our reactionary headmaster. We have won some small victories, but astute manoeuvring by our glorious leader regained his lost prestige.

What we need is a representative council, set up within the school. This would consist of 4 pupils from S4/S5/S6, 2 pupils from S3, 2 pupils from S1/S2 (8 pupils in all) and 8 teachers/non academic staff. This would surely be better than the talking shop which is currently operating.

To finish off let me give you some examples of how the senior school are treated this term.

Our complex was closed for a period because we were "making a mess". We were promised a dance or bus run which were then scrapped. We have just managed to arrange a provisional date for a day trip to Saltcoats; but whilst we do not know if this will ever materialise the prefect captains are busy collecting names for the prefects' trip.

This is by no means the whole story but if I have managed to show you even some of the injustices which go on in schools, then writing this article will have been worthwhile.

JOHN McARTHUR
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School, Milton.



THE FLYING COLUMN

SECOND (CLASS) CITY OF THE ENGLISH EMPIRE

Since the (official) Conservative and Unionist Party have left office, Clydeside housewives have missed seeing prospective Royal Labour candidates accompanying them in downtown Glasgow and hosing 'scheme's hopping precincts with their mes sage bags on their arms instead of co-operative brief cases. Yes, they certainly smashed Tory prices now that they are the new Tory Government. No more can we see "lefties" such as Janey Buchan and Kay Carmichael posing for the cameras down Byres Road, campaigning against the Tory butter prices. Come to think of it those "LABOUR SAYS NO TO THE COMMON MARKET" posters still plastered over the City look a bit faded too.

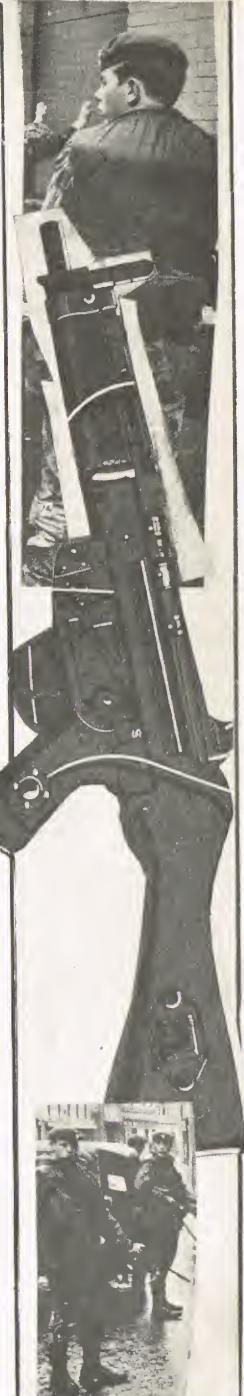
What about those faded "VOTE LABOUR WITHOUT THE SOCIAL CONTRACT" posters decaying about the City too. Also plastered over the city by this group of I.S. (Imperialists in Scotland) Labour agents is the "Right to Work" slogan. Very nice, but work for whom, and for what? Nothing about smashing the wages system and the complete destructive waste of capitalism. Still perhaps the Tame Unions will negotiate themselves the odd rise. What happened to the T.U.C. campaign led by Lord Victor, Keir Hardie Grays tone Feathers, plain Mister Murray, Sir Harold Wilson and Lord Brown and right wing Trotskyite and Stalinist allies against Heath's Phases, One, Two and Three? Could we imagine the mass demos led by these people against an (official) Tory Social Contract rising prices, unemployment and rent increases? Yes, there was a right to work for the bosses march to the Holy City petitioning the M.P.s, that the organisers campaigned to elect (with illusions, without illusions, without the social contract, and most hilariously of all with "Socialist Policies").

It was nice to witness working class solidarity in the Govan election where Clydeside Stalinists put their ice picks away and supported the Labour "Trotskyite" candidate, helping him move shop to London. Working hand in hand with the Trot Imperialist in Scotland Group they claimed to be scouring Govan looking for Fascists. Pouring off the Govan Ferry with full time Union officials and Lumpen M.P.s, as if it was another out on the Thames, they wasted no time with lies and innuendo against the S.N.P. candidate, as though she were in league with the British National Front who are as enthusiastic about a Scottish breakaway as the I.S. and their electoral allies Her Majesty's Labour Party. The National Front

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received a handful of votes and Govan Rangers supporters were surprised to learn that they were really Fascists too from the British Trots, Stalinists, Wiltonites and tonsorial artists. The fact that Labour is a Loyalist Party anyway and receives heavy support in Orange areas such as Bridgeton and parts of Lanark seems to have escaped these far travelled Brits. Unfortunately some of the London oriented "atheist" and pseudo Marxist groups are merely reflecting their Great British Chauvinism by completely misundertanding Scottish working class history, by either viewing sectarianism from an Ulster or English point of view.

Scottish Catholic and Protestant workers, whether from a Highland, Irish, Ulster background, share the same "buroos", lousy jobs, slums and hosing schemes. The mistake in comparing the Orange Order here with Belfast is that there are no religious ghettos, only class ghettos. Though the Orange Order here have strong connections with their Ulster brethren and the Royal family, they are not tied to any one political party in the same way. The Scottish Order, for example, have told the press that they would like a stronger assembly or "there could be an Ulster type situation in Scotland". Pastor Glass has proclaimed that Devolution is not a religious issue in Scotland. The official and provisional Sinn Fiann and the Irish Republican Socialist Party are not opposed to Scottish independence. Ulster Loyalists are becoming as disenchanted with London as Republicans are with Dublin and already Protestant workers in the para-military groups have had talks with the I.R.A. on common ground. The Provisionals envisage a Federal Ireland with an assembly for Ulster and rights for the Protestant population, though the British media has created a different impression. The officials constantly campaign against sectarian murders as do many of the Protestant groups. And even Paisley has complained that the Brits have assassinated radical protestant workers, blaming the Provos. Remember it was a Labour Government that sent the troops into Ireland and is now carrying out those same "Tory Laws", they complained about in opposition. Why then, is the British "revolutionary" left so wrapped up in maintaining Labour governments? Could it be that they are more British than left? Why do they profess to be for workers control, anti-imperialist and support faraway National Liberation struggles whilst supporting British Imperialism in Scotland and Wales through a reactionary Labour Government? Could it be that this Imperialism on their own doorstep cuts across their simple trade union economics and that the revolution in the British Isles may come from the oppressed nationalities?



Clydeside has over 97% of the social deprivation in the "United" Kingdom. We see no demonstrations, strikes or campaign from the established left on this issue. Instead it is left again to the S.N.P. while the Labourites attack them as though the S.N.P. invented the figures. "Left" Labourite, Norman Buchan can do no better than complain that an S.N.P., M.P.s wife has a Japanese car. Will this Chrysler MP. complain if Nip M.P.s drink Scotch whisky? Or, will he leave that to the Saki lobby? Will he complain about Chrysler workers using Japanese trannies and tellies? This is where the logic of his retaliatory tariff barriers must lead him.

"Left" Fabian M.P., Tam Dalyell of the Binns, is even more petty in his attacks. This arch Unionist actually complained to the House that Winnie Ewing was improperly dressed for Parliament, and her dress looked like a nightie (to him). Being an ex-Etonian perhaps he was more at home in frock coat and top hat. His Party's tiny reforms have long since been met by successive Tory governments. The S.N.P. may be an undesirable mixture of Left, Right, Centre and don't know Home Rulers, but at least their programme of independence has to be fought for and is a threat to the establishment in that Conservatism will be in a minority in Scotland and the opposition will have to be further left than Westminster type labourites to even gain a comparable living standard with other 'civilised' countries.

It was Lenin who pointed out that the struggle for national liberation though bourgeois to start with, would radicalise those engaged in the struggle and raise their political consciousness. He distinguished between political consciousness and trade union consciousness. He compared oppressed nations and oppressing nations to the proletariat and the bourgeoisie struggling to be freed. It's a pity Leninists in Britain select their readings to suit their practice. Perhaps that is why these Great British Chauvinists are the joke of Europe and are as much a part of perfidious Albion as the system they strive to maintain, consciously or otherwise. Capitalism and Imperialism couldn't have a better opposition if it tried. Or is the terribly British Left so heavily infiltrated that they are doing their master's bidding?

DONALD ANDERSON.

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IRA TO ASSIST TRADE * UNIONS?

An IRA spokesman in Dublin recently told a delegation of British Trade Unionists "You have the potential to make the Irish struggle a live issue in domestic politics." Harder to explain is the fascination with the IRA shown by some LP members. One of the trade union delegates, Davis Fennel, of London member of the NUR and of the Communist Party is an example of just how complex the relationship is with IRA/Labour. Mr Fennel has made representations to the

IRA's political wing—because one member of his union branch was killed by an IRA bomb on a London Underground train. Through suitable channels, the trade unionists' complaints have been lodged with the IRA. The trade unionists feel their complaints may have played a part in halting the IRA's bombing campaign in Britain. Mr Fennel said however that he does not pursue his complaints too far and does not bear grudges against the IRA. The reason, he explained is "We can see things coming. Fascist groups are organising with the military. As trade unionists we do not have arms or anything like that. We know we may need to come to the IRA for help." (source Christian Science Monitor 1/10/76)



SPECIAL AIR SERVICE



"WELL DONE JOCK
ENGLAND IS PROUD
OF YOU"

BATTERED WIVES by a Victim.

MOST people have read how the battered wife has left her husband, for various reasons, especially for the beatings. But no one know how, when the wife has left, the loneliness and fear that she has got to overcome before she can start a normal life again. Most people also think that because battered wives are together in a refuge they have people like themselves around them, and they don't get lonely, and it is good that someone who has had much the same experience as yourself is always ready to listen and you want to know their story, because it gets rid of so much hurt. We have all, at one time or another, tried to tell friends or relations but they can't grasp it or they have got round it successfully. But most people who haven't had this experience are the ones who always say go home, things will sort themselves out, but they don't, and because the wife gets this sort of treatment she begins to think : he is making a nuisance of herself, so she stops visiting and locks herself behind her front door. She will take as much as she can from her husband, until one day she can take it no longer and walks out.

For instance I visited the Social Work Department on various occasions. They listened and when you got to the end of your story, they would say I will come up on Mon/Tues. or Wed. to see you, but that was no good because on those days he had no money to drink so he was on his best behaviour. But no one would come up and see you at weekends when it was all happening, and by the time you got round to Mon/Tues/Wed again the bruises were fading, so nobody thought it was all that bad, but people who think battered wives are fools to stick it, should try finding accommodation for herself and a couple of kids, then she will understand why most women don't leave home in the first place. I found that out for myself. No one wants more kids to clutter their place up, and very soon you get on each others nerves, so what can we do.

In my case the night I walked out I was a shattered wreck. My kids were crying and frightened and tired.

They were getting ready for bed at 8 o'clock when he came in drunk. He demanded his tea. When I gave him it (it was stew and potatoes) he lifted the back window and threw it out and said it was only fit for the dogs in the back yard, so he demanded more money to get more drink. When I refused he punched me and took my purse (but a wife who is battered regularly should always know to keep a couple of pounds on her person in case she had to get away quickly, if she can).

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Then he left, telling me that when he returned if there wasn't a decent tea on the table, I was going to get it right when he came back. I thought of going to get something else for him to eat, for the sake of peace, then I admitted to myself that that was the way he was and nothing would change him and I knew for a fact that when he did return I would get it. The kids were pleading with me to get out of the house as they knew as well that I would be beaten when he came home. So I dressed the kids again and left. I didn't know where I was going. I walked around for a while, then I remembered someone telling me that there was an emergency Social Work Dept. open at weekends for people in need. I found out where it was and went there. They tried to convince me that the best thing to do was to go home and put the kids to bed, and sleep it off, but I told them I wasn't going home, as both the kids and I knew what was coming to us, and the kids were still pleading with me not to go home. So I told the social I wasn't going home. He asked me what I would do. I told him I would walk the streets first. Then he said he could get me into the Salvation Army for a couple of nights until I made my mind up what I was going to do. After three days in the S.A. I told him that I was definitely not going home. He sent me back to my own Social Work Dept. who, knowing a little of what I had been through in the past 10 years, sent me to the place for battered wives, the "refuge".

I have been here a year and a half. I have got over my loneliness now and I try to help new women to get over it as quickly as they can, as it is one of the things that drives most women back to their husbands.

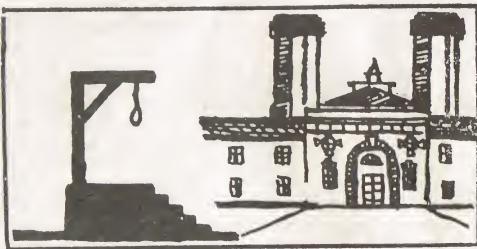
The Corporation at first refused to house us because our husbands had Corporation homes, but now they are going to re-house us and we all hope to be settled down one day. Some people think we are all women who can't cope with house-work and kids and keep our way clear; there are some of us can't now because the state our nerves have been left in, but the majority of us can and we are only wanting this new start. I have left everything behind me but I don't regret it as I can sleep at night now and have time to enjoy my family growing up, but I am still frightened I may bump into him sometime. God help me if I do.

We are clean respectable women but we have some of us been offered houses in really bad districts. We want to start a new life but what chance to our kids stand of growing up decently in the slums of the city, which is what we are being offered?

SARAH.

THE MURRAYS

Must they hang in Dublin?



MARIE and Noel Murray were sentenced to death by hanging by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin.

Their Trial was not satisfactory in the eyes of many lawyers.

The institution of the Special Criminal Court is not a satisfactory one in many ways and it ranks among the more bizarre of European Judicial institutions. It is a court without a jury and its laws of evidence are different from other courts and the terms of appointment of its judges to the work of the court are different from other Irish Courts.

The only evidence against the accused was statements extracted by the police which the accused vehemently repudiated through their lawyers: a serious statement of complaint made by them to the police at the time of their interrogation was declared by the police to have gone missing and could not be produced at their trial.

The accused did not accept that they were getting a fair trial after one of the co-accused was granted a separate trial, when he suffered a complete mental breakdown in the witness box. The Murrays felt they should be granted a new trial before a normal court.

The Death penalty should not be used in the Republic of Ireland, all decent people who respect the sacredness of Human Life should campaign for its complete abolition from the statute book. In their pastoral letter on 'Human Life Is Sacred,' The Irish Catholic Bishops in Par. 26 referred to 'the GENUINE COMPASSION which campaigns for the abolition of capital punishment and to reform the whole penal code.' Let us exercise this genuine compassion in the Murray case and ask for the abolition of Capital Punishment.

MARIE MURRAY

Marie Murray is aged 27. From the time she left school she worked for 8 years in the Civil Service in the Gaeltacht Department and she left there in 1974 when she married Noel Murray.

NOEL MURRAY

Noel Murray is aged 26. When he left school he worked in C.I.E. as a Metal Fabricator and was a member of a trade union as was Marie.

INHUMAN TREATMENT IN PRISON

Noel and Marie Murray are in prison under sentence of death.

Noel Murray is in the Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare under military guard. Marie Murray is in Mountjoy Prison, Dublin.

The conditions they are being confined under are contrary to the Standard Minimum Rules for the treatment of prisoners as drawn up by Amnesty International and endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The Murrays are being refused association with other prisoners. Noel can only watch TV with special permission granted about once a week in his first month after sentence.

Noel Murray is locked up 20 hours a day.

Noel and Marie Murray receive none of the hundreds of letters coming to the prisons for them from Ireland and abroad, not even from friends.

The couple are allowed no visits except for Mr. and Mrs. Murray, who are over 70 years old. Marie only sees her in-laws.

ON 19th. JULY NOEL MURRAY WROTE

I have as yet received no answer from the Department (of Justice) to my request to be held under normal prison conditions until after the appeal. They have informed me through the Governor, that only close relatives will be allowed to visit me, and they have not as yet given me any assurance that they will arrange for me to have regular visits with Marie for as long as we are both held in prison."

RULE 37 OF THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES STATES:

Prisoners shall be allowed under necessary supervision to communicate with their family and friends at regular intervals, both by correspondence and by receiving visits."

In defiance of this, the Dept. of Justice wrote on 20th. August to a friend of the Murrays, who is a member of no political party and has no court convictions:

I am directed by the Minister of Justice to refer to your letter of the 17th. August 1976, requesting permission to visit two prisoners and to state that your request cannot be granted."

- Marie's request for books not available in the prison library has been refused.

- An attempt to have fresh laundry and clothes sent in for Marie was refused.

- The couple have been allowed to meet each other only for legal consultation. Noel Murray went on Hunger Strike for almost a week to draw attention to the conditions he is forced to exist under.

Marie and Noel Murray, companions of many years, have been condemned to death and pitched into physical isolation from each other, from other prisoners, and the outside world. This is an unhuman and unnatural treatment especially for persons under sentence of death by hanging.

It is psychological torture - to break the Murray's morale, ability to resist and will to live.

Noel Murray withdrew his appeal to the Supreme Court on August 25, in protest against bad prison conditions.

The press have been silent about the conditions under which the Murrays are being held, and about the opposition to the hanging coming from all over the world. Last year, the press reported on the world wide opposition to the use of the death-penalty in Spain and the Dublin government put pressure on Spain to commute death sentences.

Over the past 6 months the Government have brought in more and more repressive laws, interfering with civil liberties and attempting to stifle any protest that people are making.

THE MURRAY DEFENCE COMMITTEE ARE OPPOSED TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

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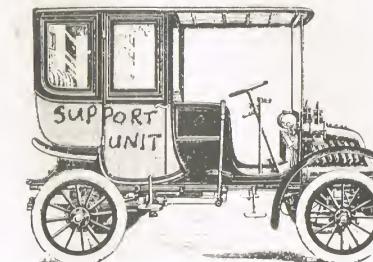
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INTERPOL

The image of the Interpol organisation has become tarnished of late since it was found out that the Nazi's have been running it since the end of the Second World War (with the connivance of the CIA). The President from 1968 to 1972, was Paul Dickopf, former SS Officer Serial Number SS37259- The man responsible for reorganizing Interpol after the war was Florent Louwage. He had been head of Belgian security under Nazi occupation, then became head of Belgian political police after the war.

FLASH GORDON



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When Philip Agee, the former CIA operations officer left the 'company', he was quoted as saying "CIA activity in the Labour movements in Europe was regarded as one of their major operations". He assumes that today "it continues to be a priority".

The CIA have been involved in the British Labour movement as far back as 1967.

In 1972 an intensive programme of research showed that leading Labour Party politicians had been advising and deriving support from organisations subsequently shown to be set up and financed by the CIA.

The British Labour Party had emerged from the Second World War as the sole mass working class party in Britain, with an unprecedented electoral victory. It was the undisputed head of the continent's social democratic family.

At this time a magazine appeared inside the ranks of the Labour Party called 'Socialist Commentary'. Organised by Anthony Crossland, Allan Flanders and Rita Hinden, it became the rallying point for the Right Wing of the Labour Party. 'Socialist Commentary' was a front for the CIA.

In 1953 another CIA magazine was launched called 'Encounter' - again the Labour Party were heavily involved.

In 1954 Denis Healy an ex member of the Communist Party became involved with another CIA magazine 'New Leader'. Healy is of course our present Chancellor.

In 1965, Gwyn Morgan, a Labour Party official became head of the International Department of the Labour Party. In 1962 he had been head of the National Union of Students, then he took charge of the finance of the International Student Conference, set up by the CIA. In this capacity he negotiated with American Foundations which supplied the bulk of ISC funds and supervised the expenditure of several million dollars. In 1964 he became General Secretary of the Labour Party.

It seems strange that today there is a growing gulf between a left leaning Labour Party and a 'Cabinet', many of whose members are committed to support for United States policies at any cost.

When he was attacked by Hugh Gaitskell at the Labour Party Conference in 1960 as a 'fellow traveller', Michael Foot M.P. retorted, "but who are they travelling with?".

Today that is still a relevant question, for Chairmen of huge capitalist organisations and foundations, Commanders of American and German forces, monarchists, powerful capitalist newspaper tycoons, spies and CIA fronts do indeed make the strangest of travelling companions for Socialists.

(from a story by ANS London).

The CIA have been accused of using their radio monitoring stations in Britain to spy on our commercial companies who use radio codes to send information to their overseas branches. The Americans then passed on the info to pals in American companies - nice one Yank.

Ireland yet again:

Kieran Nugent is 19 years old, and lived with his parents, 5 sisters and 4 brothers in the Lower Falls, Belfast.

On the 20th March 1973, when 15 year old Kieran was standing with a friend talking at the corner of Merrion Street and Grosvenor Road, a car drew up alongside them, and a man asked them street directions. The occupants of this car then opened fire with a submachine gun and Kieran was badly injured, 8 bullets in his chest, arms and back. His young friend, Bernard McErlean, also aged 15 was killed.

From the time of this shooting the British Forces of Occupation selected Kieran for special attention, the harassment of himself and his family began in earnest. Everywhere he went the Brits chased him, making his life a complete misery. The family home was raided scores of times. On 3 or 4 occasions the house was wrecked by the British raiding parties. In one particular raid the Brits planted 4 live rounds of ammunition, and a second raiding party, coming immediately afterwards, found the ammunition and arrested Kieran's father, he was subsequently released.

When he was 16 years old he was arrested by the British Army and held on remand in Crumlin Road prison. He remained in custody for 5 months. When he eventually came to trial the case against him was withdrawn. After release he was again not allowed to pursue a normal life and once more he was on the run from the British Army, who sought him day and night. Kieran lived from hand to mouth, taking shelter from anyone sympathetic enough to give it. In one particular incident whilst he was being chased by the Brits Kieran jumped from 5 floors up in the Divis Flats Complex, breaking both legs. He lay in agony for several hours afraid to cry out in case the Brits found him. A passer-by eventually discovered him and he was admitted to hospital. He remained in hospital for 19 days, subsequently spending many months in plaster of parts. Owing to these injuries Kieran Nugent cannot wear ordinary boots or shoes, wearing sandals at all times. He is at present awaiting an operating to correct the deformity of his feet caused by the fractures to his legs.

Kieran was interned by Merlin Rees on 9.2.75 and spent 9 months in Cage 4, Long Kesh until his release on 12.11.75.

Kieran was sentenced on the 14th September, 1976 to 3 years imprisonment. From this time he has been deprived of political prisoner status and is housed in the cell block at Long Kesh Concentration Camp. On Thursday 16th September 1976 he agreed to a visit with his mother, which meant he had to wear prison clothes. During the visit he removed garments and stated that he was not a criminal and that the Brits would have to nail the clothes on his back. From that day none of his family have seen him.

